

OCKLAWAHA RIVER.

MEMORIAL

OF

CITIZENS OF EAST FLORIDA,

RELATIVE TO

The improvement of the Ocklawaha river.

MAY 3, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL of the citizens of East Florida, praying a re-appropriation of the sum of ten thousand dollars for the improvement of the navigation of the Ocklawaha river.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists would respectfully represent, that in the year 1834 an act was passed by your honorable body, and approved by the President of the United States, appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars for the improvement of the navigation of the Ocklawaha river, and that a portion of the sum so appropriated was actually expended in making necessary preparations, and in procuring proper implements for the prosecution of the said improvement; but, in consequence of the commencement of the late Indian war in this Territory before the work had in reality been commenced, the preparations therefor were necessarily abandoned, and the implements which had been procured were either otherwise appropriated, by the order of the government, or became lost or destroyed.

Your memorialists would further represent that they respectfully ask for the re-appropriation of the sum of ten thousand dollars, as a sum sufficient for the completion of the said improvement, more upon the basis of a just claim upon the treasury of the United States for a sum equitably due East Florida, than upon any general principles that might be urged in favor of an original appropriation, sustained by a detail of facts, which could be presented, exhibiting in the strongest degree not only the entire practicability, but the great necessity for such a work to the government itself, as well as to the citizens of East Florida, and more especially to those in the immediate region of the Ocklawaha. Your memorialists would further beg leave to represent, however, that every reason which

actuated your honorable body in making the appropriation in 1834, would apply at this time with additional force in re-appropriating the said sum; and that the greatly increased population in East Florida since 1834, would give a ten-fold importance to the work.

They would further beg leave to suggest that the value of the public lands in that portion of the country watered by the Ocklawaha would be greatly increased by the improvement of the work here proposed, as it is notorious that one of the greatest impediments to the further and more rapid settlement of the country in question is the great difficulty in sending the productions of the country to a proper market; but, should this work be completed with the comparatively small sum required, there will then be an immediate outlet to the St. John's, and thence to the *Atlantic*.

FORT KING, MARION COUNTY,
December 25, 1847.

W. J. Worth,
Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

J. T. Sprague, *Capt. U. S. A.*

J. E. Blake, *U. S. Top. Eng.*

Jas. Williams

E. Van Ness,

Paymaster U. S. A.

L. Aldrich

Gregory Yale

Wm. B. Smith

Henry Bemur

George L. Cochran

James Gamer

Myer Helfer

Isaac Congers

Richard Redont

Emantiel H. Martin

Thomas Coldrig

Spencer Brooks

Wm. Turner

James Ballard

Edward Cochran

[Illegible.]

John Stephens

Moses Horner

Norman L. McLeod

David Monroe

Christopher Porter

James A. McLoré

N. L. McLoré

A. M. McLoré

George F. Greiper

Kenneth C. Morrison

Malcom Galbreath

George Pace

John T. Hull

J. C. Ballard

[Illegible]

Daniel Hogan

Wm. D. Branch

Wm. H. Redding

Edward Denison

Reuben Hogans

John Morrison

A. B. Noyes

Richard Ridout

Charles Roach

Robert Livingston

J. R. Branch

Joseph Pownall

J. H. Bronson

Th. Douglass

John Beard

John McNeile

O. M. Dormun

A. E. Noyes

John G. Reardon.

*Grand jurors of Marion county,
December term, 1844.*

John Scott, *Foreman.*

H. E. W. Clark, *Secretary.*

John H. Madison

Alexander McLeod

Mathew Kindly

James Gough

W. D. Freeman

William Piles

James Piles

James W. Piles

Lewis Ballard

D. J. Thomas
 Stacy B. Hill
 William S. Delk
 D. A. David
 Thomas Barnes
 Thos. C. Kittles

A. H. Brooks
 A. Geiger
 Moses Curry
 D. Bruton
 Adin W. Alerman

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA.

RELATIVE TO

The removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida.

MAY 3, 1855.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS relative to the removal of the Indians now remaining in Florida.

Whereas the policy of the federal government has permitted a remnant of the Seminole Indians to remain in Florida, and assigned to them territory upon the peninsula; and whereas they have not remained within their boundary, but are frequently in parties beyond their limits, prowling through the settlements of the whites, stealing and destroying stock, which it is believed will, at a period not far distant, come to be exterminated, and eventually in results fatal to our frontier inhabitants; and injurious to the interests and prosperity of the State; and whereas their removal to the territory assigned them in the west would tend to encourage civilization and agriculture, and the development of the resources of our State; Therefore,

It is resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida at General Assembly convened, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their best endeavor to procure a speedy removal of the Seminole Indians now remaining in Florida.

It is further resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to forward to our Senators and Representatives in Congress a copy hereof.

Adopted by the House of Representatives December 18, 1855.

HUBERT BROWN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

H. D. PATT,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Adopted by the Senate December 18, 1855.

D. H. MAYES, President of the Senate.

H. ARCHER, Secretary of the Senate.

Approved December 18, 1855.

W. D. MUSELEY, Governor of Florida.

